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Applicant: : Baback Gharizadeh  
Appl. NO. : 10/623,458  
Filed : 07/17/2003  
Title: : Target-specific multiple sequencing primer pool for microbial  
typing and sequencing applications in DNA-sequencing technologies

Grp/A.U. : 1645  
Examiner: : B. Habtewold

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

### AMENDMENT

Dear Madam/Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

#### In the Drawings:

Please replace figure 4 with the new figure, which is both in tiff and pdf format on a CD. Hopefully this figure is electronically reproducible.

#### In the Claims:

All the parentheses, slashes and underlining have been removed from the claims. The English language has been improved somewhat in a few places. Nothing has been changed or altered in the content of the claims or numberings. The claims are enclosed in a separate sheet and it is saved on the CD.

#### In the Abstract:

The abstract has been reduced to about 150 words and the English language has been improved. All the parentheses, slashes and underlining have been removed from the abstract. The abstract is enclosed on a separate sheet and it is saved on the CD.

Sincerely,

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